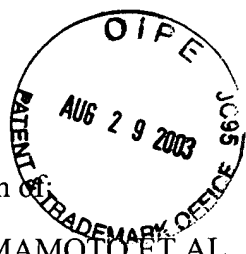


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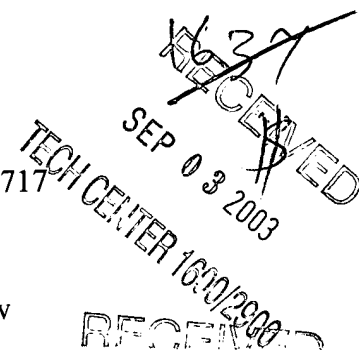
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Docket No. 03500.015717

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Group Art Unit: 1637

Date: August 25, 2003



THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.


The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 26	MINUS	** 23	= 3	x \$9 \$18	\$54.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 6	MINUS	*** 3	= 3	x \$42 \$84	\$252.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$306.00

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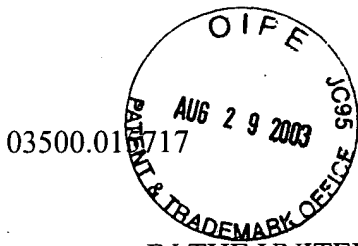
- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$ 306.00 is enclosed.
- Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.
- A check in the amount of \$ 410.00 to cover the fee for a two (2) month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 for two months from June 25, 2003 to August 25, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Jason M. Okun

(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

Signature

August 25, 2003
Date of Signature

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.